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HONGKONG, 31st DECEMBER, 1903

THE decision came to at Monday's Cabinet meeting at Tokyo is one of the highest importance, not because it shows the earnestness of Japan at the present juncture (for that we knew already), but because it reveals the manner in which Japan hopes to meet the enormous call upon her which will be entailed by war. Among other steps it was decided to authorise the Government to raise a temporary loan and issue exchequer bonds, if necessary. No doubt Japan was encouraged by the ease in raising the new loan after the conclusion of the Anglo-Japanese Convention had been made; though she cannot disguise the fact that the peaceful circumstances of that time and the stormy surroundings of to-day are widely different. But it must not be forgotten that there are such things as loans of expedience, a notable feature of British policy on the Continent in past European history. It is interesting at the present moment to look at the financial position of Japan as set forth in the *Financial and Economical Annual of Japan*, recently issued for the Department of Finance at Tokyo. Among its pages is a table of the annual State revenue and expenditure, pertaining to the general account, from the years 1867-68 to 1903-04. Herein we see Japan rising from a revenue of 33,089,313 yen and an expenditure of 30,505,086 yen—surplus, 2,584,227 yen—to a revenue (estimated) of 251,681,961 and an expenditure (estimated) of 244,752,346 yen—surplus, 6,929,615 yen. There have of course been many fluctuations. The revenue was at its highest figure in 1900-01, when it reached 295,854,868 yen. Its lowest in the last fourteen years was the 98,170,028 yen of 1894-95, the time of the war with China. The highest expenditure

Since 1897 the expenditure has never been below 200,000,000 yen. In 1896-97 it was 168,856,508 yen; before then it never reached 90,000,000 yen. Not since 1874 has there been a deficit, but in 1893-94 there was no surplus either. The largest surplus was the 33,115,541 yen of 1895-96; in the next financial year it fell to 18,162,915 yen, and has only once touched 7,000,000 yen since.

A table of the annual appropriation of the State expenditure has some interesting figures of the ordinary cost of the Army and Navy to Japan. In 1867-68, the joint cost was 1,959,798 yen. In 1870-71, the last year in which the accounts were together, the cost was 3,252,966 yen. In 1871-72, 7,699,847 yen were assigned to the Army and 1,869,044 to the Navy. The Navy account rose faster than the Army for some time, and in 1882-83 the figures were: Army, 8,588,117 yen; Navy, 3,160,492 yen. No very notable increase occurred till 1896-97, when after the victorious war against China, the Army expenditure was raised to 22,613,590 yen and the Navy to 7,351,330. The rise has been steady since, and we find the estimated expenditures for the financial years 1902-03 and 1903-04 as follows:—Army, 38,432,317 and 38,495,727 yen; Navy, 10,837,646 and 10,563,532 yen. Turning to the extraordinary expenditure, this was high between 1896 and 1902, the Army reaching 38,714,310 yen in 1900-01 and the Navy 47,338,427 in 1898-99. Its estimated amount since is small.

In some remarks on the budgets for 1902-03 and 1903-04 the compiler of the *Annual* explains that owing to the dissolution of the Diet the budget for the seventeenth session was not passed, so that the previous year's budget is to be carried out for 1903-04, according to the provision of the Japanese Constitution; the budget scheme to be carried out for 1903-04 consists of the two estimates. The most notable points in the 1903-04 estimate compared with the former year's are an increase in the ordinary revenue from income tax, *sake* tax, sugar excise, and tobacco-leaf monopoly, "along with the development of general conditions of economy and the growth of the national wealth"; a decrease of the extraordinary revenue, there being no proceeds as in the preceding year from the sale of Chinese indemnity bonds; an increase of ordinary expenditure owing to more civil and military pensions and larger expenditure on education, Army, Navy, and communications; and a decrease of extraordinary expenditure, the repayment of a temporary loan in connection with the Boxer troubles having been completed, and through the approaching completion of the military and naval programmes unusual outlay on such objects decreasing.

It would be tedious to give more figures, though there is a lot that is instructive among their serried rows. However, it will be seen from what we have quoted that Japan has not large sums of money to play with, nor, on the other hand, is she in a desperate position. She has every ground for caution in undertaking a struggle such as that with Russia would be. Unlike a reckless gambler, she has a great deal to lose. But, as we have frequently stated before, she cannot afford to lose through inaction any more than through war. Nor can Great Britain afford to see her lose by either means. Happily there are indications that Britain is in this instance prepared for all eventualities. It is no secret that every ship in our China squadron, and every man in the Navy and Army out here, is under orders to be ready. If war broke out to-morrow, it would not find our forces a day behind. Naturally, we should have a period of neutrality at this beginning. There is no reason why this should not continue, if the Japanese prove victorious. But it is impossible to imagine that any Government in England could passively watch a Russian victory without intervention. Indeed it seems to us that now is the time for a strong declaration on the part of Great Britain, before hostilities commence, if commence they must.

Merchants in Manila are protesting against the work of gao-birds being allowed to compete with local trades. Manufacturers say this competition is seriously affecting their business.

H. R. H. Princess Louise of Schleswig-Holstein, who was due in Colombo on the 28th instant, was to be a guest of H. E. Sir Henry and Lady Blake during her stay in Ceylon. Sir Henry Blake's first *levee* at Colombo was on the 14th inst.

The Aborigines Protection Society, whose headquarters are in London, has sent a Colofol Secretary a protest against any introduction of Chinese labour into the Transvaal. "In the Committee's opinion no policy which is unjust towards the natives can be of lasting service to the white population or to British interests in South Africa."

Messrs. Cottam & Co. have issued a neat little pamphlet containing information for tourists visiting Hongkong.

We have received from Messrs. Price & Co. wine and spirit merchants, Queen's Road, their calendar for 1904. It is a very pretty almanac.

Messrs. Mee Chung, the well-known photographers, have a new stock of photographic films, which they are selling at lower rates than formerly.

Writing with regard to the new dock which is soon to be open at Vladivostok the S. Petersburg *Vedomosti* says that it has been built by the Russian Admiralty to meet the demands arising from the large increase in the number of Russian warships in the Far East. Another dock of like dimensions is being constructed at Port Arthur. Besides these docks, where vessels of large size can undergo repair, the Russian Admiralty proposes to found shipbuilding yards and docks in the Far East where small vessels can be constructed.

The *All-India Pioneer's* London correspondent telegraphs that a diplomatist who was interviewed by the *Paris Eclair*, but whose name was withheld, says that Lord Curzon's tour in the Persian Gulf and the Tibet expedition are designed to take advantage of Russia's preoccupation in Manchuria. England wishes to make Eastern Arabia a dependency of India, for which reason Persia looked unfavourably on the Viceroy's tour. England long intended to dispute with Russia certain vast important regions of Tibet. She shrinks from no sacrifice and will some day announce her supremacy as an accomplished fact.

H.M.S. *Centurion* arrived here yesterday. About this old friend on the China Station "Paratus" writes in the *Naval and Military Record*:—"The battleship *Centurion* is proud of herself. She has a reputation to keep up, but she is not content with that; she has started on her third commission with a firm determination to enhance her reputation." We look for a hearty welcome from the fleet in the Far East and are confident that we shall be found ready and willing to undertake anything that we may be called upon to do, and do it in a way that will prove a credit to the service and to our ship. The welcome is certainly here.

It is perhaps a far cry from now to Match or April, but we have received a notification that about that time Mr. M. B. Levitt proposes to present to Hongkong a "Psychological Sensation," when Messrs. Lee and Zancig and Madame Zancig will appear and give exhibitions of their gift of telepathy, or thought transference. A feature of this promised exhibition is the putting of a subject into a hypnotic sleep for 24 hours, the sleeper (if he permits it) to be placed on exhibition in a shop-window. Other events include classic poses, trick piano-playing, songs, ballads, a farce entitled *Our Happy Home*, and a comedy, *A Busy Day in a Theatrical Agency*, by a strong cast.

The *London Gazette* notifies that the King has been pleased to grant unto Paul Henry King, Esq., Commissioner in the Imperial Chinese Maritime Customs Service, licence and authority to accept and wear the Insignia of the First Class of the Third Division of the Imperial Chinese Order of the Double Dragon; to Frederick Thomas Richards, Esq., Professor of Navigation, formerly in the Imperial Naval College at Fochow, and subsequently in the Imperial Naval College at Canton, the Third Class of the Third Division of the Double Dragon; and to Mark Alan Hartnell, Esq., lately Divisional Superintendent of Police in Moulmein, Paket, Siam, the Fourth Class of the Siamese Order of the White Elephant.

By kind permission of Major Radcliffe and officers, the Band of the 83rd Burma Infantry will play the following programme of music at the King-Edward Hotel during dinner to-night (New Year's Eve) instead of Friday as usual:—
March..... "On the Rolling Deep"..... Wilson
Overture..... "The Sapphire Necklace"..... Sullivan
Selection..... "The Merry Widow"..... Strauss
Song..... "The Merry Widow"..... Caryl
Selection..... "Reminiscences of all Nations"..... Godfrey
Lancers..... "The Army and Navy"..... Ernest Allan
Waltz..... "Amourous"..... Berger
"God Save the King."

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Hors d'oeuvres
Red Fish on Toast.
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Custard.
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Stuffed Mutton Chop.
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TRAINING.

YESTERDAY'S EXERCISES.

Yesterday morning some active training was conducted on Happy Valley. Mr. Babington's white pony doing the half-mile gallop in 1 minute 6 seconds, the best gallop of the morning. The ponies belonging to Messrs. D. E. Brown, Walker (Standard Oil Company), and G. P. Lammer all did a useful half-mile canter. Some of Mr. Medy's horses did a similar canter, but for the most part, these ponies were still in the trotting stage. Mr. A. Levy's pony did the half-mile in 1 minute 7 seconds, the last quarter in 32 seconds. Most of the ponies are still in the trotting stage.

TELEGRAMS.

"DAILY PRESS" SERVICE.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

THE CRISIS IN THE NORTH.

Kobe, 29th December, 8.35 p.m.

JAPAN FACING THE SITUATION.

A Cabinet Council at Tokyo yesterday considered the question of authorising the Government to draw upon the 50,000,000 yen war indemnity paid by China according to the Treaty of Shimonoseki, (which has hitherto been devoted to special purposes), with a view to the formation of a war fund. It was also decided to grant a subsidy exceeding two million yen for the Seoul-Fusan Railway, and to guarantee ten million yen debenture stock with a view to hastening the completion of the line. It is further proposed to raise a temporary loan and to issue exchequer bonds if necessary. [The above telegram unfortunately did not reach us in time for yesterday's issue.—E.D.P.]

REUTERS' SERVICE.

RUSSIA AND TIBET.

LONDON, 28th December.

The *Daily Mail's* correspondent at St. Petersburg wires that a deputation from the Dalai Lama of Tibet has arrived at Irkutsk en route to St. Petersburg.

THE BRITISH NAVY AND THE SITUATION.

LONDON, 28th December.

There are persistent rumours at Portsmouth that the fleet in the Far East is about to be strengthened. The authorities profess ignorance. The Admiralty has ordered all naval reservists to notify addresses from which they can be summoned by telegraph.

INSURRECTION IN GERMAN S. W. AFRICA.

LONDON, 28th December.

A general insurrection of Hottentots has broken out in German South West Africa.

THE ARGENTINE CRUISERS.

LONDON, 28th December.

It is reported that the Argentine warships *Moreno* and *Rivadavia* which are on the point of completion at Genoa have been sold for £1,500,000, through Messrs Gibbs and Sons, the firm through which the Chilean warships were recently purchased.

THE HILL COMPANY.

The Hill Vanderville Company continues to find favour with the theatre-going public of Hongkong, and on Tuesday evening were again rewarded with a capital house. As advertised, the programme was considerably altered from that of the previous nights, and the various turns were accorded much well-deserved applause. Miss Maud Christie, who made her first appearance on the boards that evening, met with a splendid reception, and may well feel gratified with the numerous floral tributes that passed over the footlights from her many admirers. A special Matinee has been arranged for Friday, New Year's Day, at 3 p.m.

BRUTAL CRUELTY TO ANIMALS.

With regard to the treatment of a consignment of mules from Chefoo to Manila, transhipped at Hongkong, which we described in yesterday's issue, we may point out that the regulations published on the 29th September last under section 3 of The Live Stock Import and Export Regulation Ordinance, 1903, and published in the *Government Gazette* of the 2nd October, cover such cases most clearly. These regulations prevent any such cruelty to animals as our informant described, and No. 5 of them prescribes that "the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon, or any Police Officer may board any vessel" to ascertain whether they are complied with. Further, the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon by Regulation 2 is to inspect any vessel leaving the port, carrying more than 10 head of cattle, and not to give a certificate to enable the Harbour Master to clear the vessel unless the regulations are observed.

There are, we are informed, more mules coming down for transhipment to Manila.

SHANGHAI BURGLARS.

Chinese burglars appear to be getting very much up-to-date in Shanghai. On the night of the 19th inst. a member of that fraternity was seen stealthily entering a house of the Weihai Road, by a Sikh policeman, and on the latter's attempting to arrest the man, the burglar drew a revolver and fired at him as well as in response to his comrade's whistle. The first man was hit on the double part of his belt, and not much hurt, the second receiving a deep wound in the thigh. The arrest of this man led to that of the whole gang that raided Shanghai last winter, and for whose apprehension a reward of \$500 had been offered. A large quantity of stolen property was also recovered from their houses.

PORTUGUESE MINISTER AT HONGKONG.

The Portuguese Minister to Peking, Senhor Conselheiro Jose d'Azavedo Castello Branco, arrived from Europe yesterday by the M. Mr. s.s. *Polynesia*. He was met on the steamer by Senhor Conselheiro A. G. Ramoan (Consul-General for Portugal at Hongkong), Senhores J. J. Leiria (Vice-Consul for Portugal at Hongkong), Moraes (Consul for Portugal at Canton), C. Assumpcao (Portuguese interpreter to Macao), and L. G. Forte (Acting Colonial Secretary, Macao). Senhor Branco is now staying at the King Edward Hotel; he leaves for Macao, where he will enjoy a rest previous to proceeding to Peking, by the Portuguese gunboat *Dia*, this morning. Senhor Moraes returned to Canton, and Dr. Forte left by the *Heungshan* for Macao, in advance to prepare for the arrival of Senhor Branco. Senhor Branco's mission at Peking is to make some important treaty with China regarding Portuguese possessions in the South.

CRICKET.

The Cricket League table stands as follows:—

Played.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.	Points.
A.O.C.	8	7	1	25
Civil Service	8	5	3	18
Craigengower	7	3	2	11
H.L.	5	2	3	6
H.M.S. Tamar	5	2	3	6
R.A.M.C.	3	1	3	4
H.K.C.C.	4	4	—	0
Parsons.	—	—	—	—

CHALLENGE CUP FOR CRAIGENGOWER CRICKET CLUB.

Mr. E. R. Bellios, C.M.G., late of Hongkong, has offered another trophy in the form of a silver challenge cup to be competed for by the members of the Craigengower Cricket Club on the same conditions as the shield presented by him in 1898 and won outright by the present captain of the Club last season. The cup is to be won twice successively or three times in all, before becoming the property of the player at the top of the batting average in the Club matches (League matches included). Mr. Bellios, who has always taken a keen interest in the affairs of the Club, deserves the thanks of the members for his sportsmanlike spirit.

ROYAL HONGKONG YACHT CLUB.

To-morrow, the 1st January, a cup presented by the Commodore of the Club (His Excellency F.H. May, C.M.G.), by permission of Rear-Admiral the Honourable A. Curzon-Howe, C.V.O., C.B., C.M.G., will be sailed for by service boats with service rigs steered by midshipmen of the British Squadron now in Harbour.

The courses will be as follows:—From a line between Police Pier, Tsimshatsui, and a mark on the pier, round Chanak Rocks, Kowloon Rocks, Meyers East Buoy, Chanak Rocks (all to port), and across the starting line from East to West. Start at 1 p.m.

HONGKONG TYPHOON SIGNALS.

A NEW CODE.

A new code of meteorological signals comes into force at Hongkong on New Year's Day; the same as those at present in use at Shanghai. They will be hoisted on the mast beside the time-ball at Kowloon Point for the information of masters of vessels leaving the port. They do not necessarily imply bad weather is expected. The signals are as follows:—

A cone point upwards indicates a typhoon to the North of the Colony.
A cone point upwards and drum below indicates a typhoon to the North-East of the Colony.

A drum indicates a typhoon to the East of the Colony.
A cone point downwards and drum below indicates a typhoon to the South-East of the Colony.

A cone point downwards indicates a typhoon to the South of the Colony.
A cone point downwards and ball below indicates a typhoon to the South-West of the Colony.

A ball indicates a typhoon to the West of the Colony.
A cone point upwards and ball below indicates a typhoon to the North-West of the Colony.

Red Signals indicate that the centre is believed to be more than 300 miles away from the Colony.
Black Signals indicate that the centre is believed to be less than 300 miles away from the Colony.

The above signals will, as heretofore, be hoisted only when typhoons exist in such positions or are moving in such directions that information regarding them is considered to be of importance to the Colony or to shipping leaving harbour.

NIGHT SIGNALS.

Two lanterns hoisted vertically indicate bad weather in the Colony and that the wind is expected to rear.

Two lanterns hoisted horizontally indicate bad weather in the Colony and that the wind is expected to back.

The signals are repeated on the flagstaff of the Godown Company at Kowloon, and also, by day only, at the Harbour Office and on H. M.'s Receiving Ship.

LOCAL STORM WARNINGS.
The Colony itself is warned of approaching typhoons by means of the Typhoon Gun placed at the foot of the mast, which is fired whenever a strong gale of wind is expected to blow here.

HONGKONG SANITARY BOARD.

A meeting of the Board will be held at 4.15 p.m. to-day.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

1. Further Report of the Sub-Committee appointed to consider what amendments appear desirable in the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, 1903.

2. Mr. Hawett, pursuant to notice, will ask:—
(1) With regard to the discussion which took place at the meeting of the Sanitary Board on the 17th instant as to the definition of "External Air," will the President be good enough to lay before the Board a memorandum showing the difference which exists between the definition as put forward by the Sub-Committee and adopted by the Sanitary Board and that now embodied in the Bill entitled an Ordinance to amend the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance of 1903 (No. 1 of 1903) and passed at the Legislative Council Meeting on the 14th instant?

This information is asked for as the objects and reasons of the amended Bill state a new definition of the expression "External Air" is submitted in order to give effect to the Board's recommendation.

(2) With regard to the above amended Ordinance will the President be good enough to explain to the Board the exact meaning of the definition of "External Air" as shown in Sub-section No. 26 of Part I?

3. Mr. Rumbhah, pursuant to notice, will ask:—

(1) With reference to the answer given at the last meeting to my question No. 4, will the Vice-President be pleased to quote the Section (if any) in the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance No. 1 of 1903, under which he, as the Building Authority, is empowered to authorize Sanitary Inspectors to enter and inspect domestic buildings for the purpose of ascertaining the existence or otherwise of "building nuisances"?

(2) Will the Secretary be pleased to state under which of the provisions of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, No. 1 of 1903, or under what authority, notices for the abatement of "building nuisances" are being made out in the office of the Sanitary Board instead of the office of the Building Authority?

(3) Will the Secretary be pleased to state under what authority or standing order (if any) Sanitary Inspectors are engaged in serving notices for the abatement of "building nuisances" and in attending the Police Court to prove the existence of such nuisances, on behalf of the Building Authority?

4. Mr. Pollock, pursuant to notice, will ask:—

(1) Will you state how many houses (approximately) there are in the City of Victoria? Will you also state how many houses (approximately) in the City of Victoria will require exemption by the Governor in Council, under the definition of "external air" which appears in Section 2 of Ordinance No. 2 of 1903? Will you also state how many houses (approximately) in the City of Victoria have windows fronting on lanes which are less than 13 feet in width?

(2) Is it not the fact that the dimension of 13 feet was inserted in the definition of "external air" in Ordinance 1 of 1903 because there was a mistaken impression that every third house would be pulled down and would thus enable every cubicle to be lighted by lateral windows opening into a space thirteen feet wide? If you contend that the above is not the fact, will you, please, state how the said dimension of 13 feet came to be fixed upon in the said definition, and will you also please refer me to any speech, document, or paper, in support of your contention?

5. Report by the Medical Officer of Health on the Latrine at No. 2, Gough Street.

6. Minute by the Medical Officer of Health recommending No. 31, First Street for exemption from the provision of a backyard.

7. Further correspondence relative to the application for exemption from the provision of open spaces in respect of certain houses on Kowloon Island Lots 1089, 1091, 1092 and 1093.

8. Application for exemption from the provision of open spaces in respect of Nos. 48 and 58 Des Vaux Road Central.

9. Application for exemption from the provision of full open spaces for Nos. 2 to 7, Star Street.

10. Further correspondence relative to the application for the renewal of a licence to sell fresh pork at No. 18 West Street.

11. Mortality Statistics for weeks ended 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th October, 1903.

12. Lime-washing Return for the fortnight ended 22nd December, 1903.

13. Rat Return for the fortnight ended 28th December, 1903.

14. Reports of the Analyses of the public water supplies for the month of December, 1903.

G. A. WOODCOCK,
Secretary.

CHINESE FOR SOUTH AFRICA.

A Reuter telegram from Bulawayo to London states that at a well-attended special meeting of the Rhodesian Chamber of Mines it was unanimously resolved to request the Administration to give effect immediately to the Immigration Ordinance, and to name China as one of the countries from which unskilled mine-labour might be imported. The Bulawayo Chamber of Commerce, the Salisbury Chamber of Mines, and the Matabeleland Landowners' and Farmers' Association have passed similar resolutions. South Africa announces that a committee of forty Chinamen will arrive in South Africa with the first batch of Chinese, and will return report to their fellow countrymen on the conditions under which they are to be engaged to take service at the mines.

CALENDARS FOR 1904.

We have received a number of very handy almanacs and calendars for 1904. The North British and Mercantile Insurance Company, established in 1809, send their usual neat writing-table calendar, showing one month to the page. The South British Fire and Marine Insurance Company, founded in 1872, are distributing their annual wall calendar, with changeable dates, in the "overlaid" style. The Royal Insurance Company, established 1845, the Sun Fire Insurance Company, established 1710, the Northern Fire and Life Assurance Company, established 1836, the Yorkshire Assurance Company, established 1824, the National Assurance Company of Ireland, established in 1816, and the Law Union and Crown Insurance Company, founded in 1825, are well up to date with elegant and useful hanging calendars, of excellent design, and clear, distinct printing. The Nippon Yusen Kaisha (Japan Mail Steamship Co.) send a very well got up wall-calendar, in true Japanese style. Messrs. A. S. Watson and Co. Ltd. have an excellent calendar, in Christmas-card style, with useful information regarding postal rates, and annual holidays, and are closely followed by the neat calendars forwarded by the Victoria Dispensary. The Philippine Tobacco Trust Co. Ltd., of which the local agents are Messrs. Benjamin Kelly and Potts, have also a very useful calendar, on which is displayed a view of the company's factory in Manila.

Altogether this year's showing of calendars, as far as we have seen, is quite up to date, and all got up in most useful styles, for office or study walls and tables.

THE WATER SUPPLY.

The water supply on the higher levels is so bad at present that a correspondent affirms it as a fact that he dreams of nights that he has had a bath, only to wake up to disappointment and a dry tap. Even on the low levels the supply is not good at times, water being unobtainable during the hours when the mains are supposed to be turned on. While householders can get barely enough for cooking purposes it is rather anomalous that builders can get an unlimited supply for the purpose of soaking their bricks. Any day one can see the workmen on the new buildings in the centre of the town lavishly throwing water by a hosepipe over heaps of bricks lying on the ground. Certainly they must have fresh water for this purpose, but there are more economical ways of soaking bricks than by deluging them with a hose-pipe, in which case about 90 per cent. of the water goes not into the bricks but into the ground. A minimum of water-consumption would be reached were builders to soak the bricks in tubs or barrels. During the water-famines of previous years the supply was cut off from buildings altogether, so that builders would only be serving their own interests by exercising economy in this direction.

POLICE COURT.

Wednesday, 30th December.

BEFORE MR. T. BERCOMBE SMITH (Police Magistrate).

BAIL ESTREATED.

On Tuesday one Wong Ling Yui, servant of Cheng Chak Hui, interpreter to the Sanitary Board, was arrested on a charge of having stolen \$2.50 from his master on the night of Monday last. He was released on bail in the sum of \$250, but when the case was called on for hearing at the Magistrate's yesterday morning it was found that the man had absconded, and his bail was accordingly estreated.

HAWKING WITHOUT LICENCES.

A number of hawkers appeared before His Worship on charges of hawking vegetables, pennants, and fruit without having previously provided themselves with the necessary hawker's licences. They were fined variously \$2, \$3, and \$5, and warned against a recurrence of their offences.

PROGRESS IN FORMOSA.

There are in the east of Formosa extensive waste-lands, the reclamation of which was granted to Mr. Kinzabur Kado four years ago. The *Osaka Mainichi* states that he has his head office at Hsinan, Taio prefecture, and a branch at Koro-ko, and has so far laid out hundreds of arable fields, chiefly employing the local aborigines for the work. Being dissatisfied with the slow progress of the work, he now intends to adopt a more elaborate plan and proposes to reclaim 5,000 acres more. Altogether 1,000 labourers will be engaged, of whom 400 will consist of farmers from Japan proper. Almost all the reclaimed lands will be converted into sugar-cane plantations, of which a little more than an acre is to be allotted to each settler, under a tenementary system. The same paper also mentions that a rich gold-mine has been discovered in the neighbourhood of Mr. Kado's reclamation area, commonly called Tsarugai, and that Mr. Kado has applied to the authorities for permission to work it to the extent of some 800 acres.

WEATHER REPORT.

The Hongkong Observatory yesterday issued the following report:—
On the 30th at 11.10 a.m. The depression in the North has deepened and is now moving Eastwards over N.E. Japan.
The barometer has risen over W. Japan, but a fresh fall of the mercury has set in over N. China, probably owing to the approach of another depression from the Westward.
Pressure is highest over Central China.
The monsoon will moderate in the Formosa Channel, but continue to blow strongly over the China Sea.
Forecast:—moderate N.E. winds; fine.

MARRIAGE IN CHINA.

Chinese married life, though peculiar from an European view, has many good points; at any rate, many men think so. Celestial brides, certainly, are not so cultured or educated as their Occidental sisters, but, on the other hand, this is considered a distinct advantage. Here, on the borders of the "Great Empire," we do not, perhaps, get such an insight into things Chinese as do our fellow colonists in the Straits, where Chinese settlers, losing a great deal of their conservatism, become more intimate with the foreigner than the generality of Chinese in Hongkong. In the Straits, and no doubt in Hongkong also, while the Chinese father does his utmost to further the education of his sons in matters European, so as to left him better for the struggles of life, he is very particular that his daughters do not get to know too much. Girls, in fact, are taught sewing, cooking and house-keeping; no more. They are brought up with the idea of matrimony, and of being loving and devoted, running about at large, and enjoying themselves to their hearts' content, but on reaching a certain age—say twelve—they are confined to home's compound, and bewitching smiles. A few years later some young man of good repute gets his mother, or a friend, to approach the parents of the friend of his youth, of whom, indeed, he has but a faint remembrance, or, perchance, it be a neighbour's daughter, whom he has never seen. The parents of the girl either reject the young man as unworthy of the bride from a social or financial standpoint, or, on the other hand, carefully make enquiries into his habits. Very often, smartness in a would-be suitor is reckoned of more account than the size of his purse. When the parents of the bride accept, arrangements for the wedding are proceeded with; the bride, by the way, supplying the furniture. The wedding itself is a three days' affair: on the first day the furniture is moved into the new house; secondly, the bridegroom visits the parents of the bride; and, thirdly, the bride is handed over to him, her charms then being disclosed for the first time. Rather a hazardous way of getting married, one would think, but, still, in practice with the Chinese it seems to work out all right, equables, etc., being rare. It would take far too much space to detail the many peculiar ceremonies in connection with a Chinese wedding. Suffice it to say, many years must elapse before young ladies of China will be seen on bicycles, though, indeed, they have worn the commodious trowsers from time immemorial.

JAPAN AND RUSSIA.

The *Asahi* has the following paragraph:—A person who has good relations with the authorities has made the following statement about the Japanese and Russian negotiations:—
"The fact is that the reply submitted by Baron Rosen to the Japanese Government contains almost no concession to Japan. It was expected that this would be the case from the outset and there is no occasion for wonderment. I cannot reveal the nature of the Japanese demands and the Russian reply, but I may say that it is not true that the Japanese proposals amounted to a suggestion for the exchange of Manchuria and Korea. On the contrary, the Japanese Government proposed that a portion of Manchuria should be placed under Japanese influence, while, on the other hand, Russia showed no intention of discontinuing her action in Korea. Thus the proposals of the two Powers were in contradiction from the first. Now that Russia has sent an unfavourable reply to Japan the attitude of the Japanese Government may be expected to undergo a notable change. In fact the position in Tokyo has already distinctly altered since the 12th inst. It may be that the dissolution of the Diet was unconstitutional, but the Government was compelled to take this action, as heated discussions in the House of Representatives would have hampered the course of the negotiations."

FITZSIMMONS v. GARDNER.

Mail papers to hand give a description of the fight between Fitzsimmons and Gardner for the light heavy-weight championship of the world. It took place at San Francisco on 25th November. Both men displayed caution, nursing their strength. The only brilliant work done was that of Fitzsimmons. Disappointment was felt at the performance of Gardner, who was not in the same class with his opponent. He repeatedly landed blows, but Fitzsimmons got away smiling and unharmed. Several times Fitzsimmons apparently had the younger man almost out, but he could not land the finishing punch. Fitzsimmons said that he broke the knuckles of both hands early in the fight, and was obliged to keep on the defensive. So tame was the spectacle that the spectators frequently hissed. The referee was obliged to give Fitzsimmons the verdict on account of the knock-downs which he scored. Two of these were in the fourth round; which was quite spirited, Gardner going down for seven seconds to two straight lefts in the jaw, rising and fighting wildly, and again succumbing to a vicious right hook on the jaw. He retired to his corner "groggy." Gardner, if his blows had possessed force, might have won easily, as he landed often towards the close of the contest. At the end of the twentieth round the two combatants were clinging so closely together that the referee had great difficulty in separating them. Each man weighed about 160lb, Gardner being a little heavier.

THE INDUSTRIAL POSITION OF COREA.

The industrial position of Corea, says a writer in *Engineering*, is attracting considerable attention at the present time, not only from a political, but also from a commercial and industrial point of view. Its geographical position places it between the contending influences of Russia and Japan, both of which countries recognise that it forms the key to China. Hence the struggle for predominance in the peninsula. Although Corea has not accepted Western methods of industry and commerce, and all their accompaniments, with the same alacrity as Japan, it is evident that force of circumstances is compelling it to pursue the same course, and already a considerable number of rather important developments have taken place. The improvement of the means of communication alone would have compelled a change of conditions from those which existed in the days of its seclusion. The Japanese have established a regular service of steamships to all the most important ports of the country; while, on the other hand, the Trans-Siberian Railway has brought the power of Russia and the influences of Europe within easy reach. Moreover, railways, telegraphs, and telephones are spreading in Corea itself, and these, in themselves, are certain to work many important changes. The Coreans do not seem to have either the ability or energy of the Japanese or Chinese; and no doubt their previous conditions kept them on a lower plane of intellectual development, and therefore we cannot expect so much from them as has already been accomplished by the Japanese, or is likely, in the early future, to be accomplished by the Chinese. In spite of the wretched harvest, the returns of foreign trade for the past year were the highest on record since the opening of the country, with the one exception of the previous year. That such should be the case when the difficulties engendered by a depreciated currency had also to be faced, proves the vitality of the country, and promises well for expansion. The total foreign trade amounted to 2,745,343l.—imports, 1,382,551l.; exports, 846,034l.; the average of the past five years was 2,370,055l., so that the year 1902 had to its credit 378,271l. more than the average. Cotton goods, in the importation of which British manufacturers are largely interested, showed a very considerable decrease. An important position is taken by Japan in the textile industry in the Far East; for now she is not only able to supply a great part of her own wants, but also to carry on a very important export trade. While former political ties bind together Japan and Corea to a very considerable extent, the development of manufacturing industry has rendered an outlet for Japanese surplus products an economic necessity. The steady development of the mineral resources of Corea gives the prospect of a rapidly-increasing demand. The use of machinery for agricultural purposes, and of sewing-machines, is increasing. With the continuation of the work of constructing a railway from Seoul to Pusan more railway material is required. Corea may, therefore, be said to be offering every year a better market for foreign manufactures.

TO BRIDGE-PLAYERS.

A revised code of Bridge is already in force in England, and one of the new conditions is that a player is not allowed to see the last trick turned and quitted, under the penalty of having a suit called. The revised code, which is doubtless the result of a series of meetings of joint sub-committees of leading London card clubs, will be of great interest in Hongkong, where the devotees of Bridge are so very numerous.

VIEWS ON THE POLITICAL SITUATION IN JAPAN.

Seventy representatives of forty journals assembled on the 15th instant at the Kegatsun restaurant in Karasumochi, Tokyo. This meeting, says the *Japan Mail*, had been talked of for some time, and inasmuch as its announced object was to discuss the situation, a very large gathering was expected. The Press of the whole empire being invited to send representatives. In such circumstances the number, forty journals, cannot be regarded as very considerable. It is explained, indeed, that had the Diet been in session a much larger attendance of Pressmen would have been witnessed, but the public will be disposed to view things as they are, not as they might have been. We observe, further, that the names of the journals, which sent delegates are not made known, an omission from which it may fairly be inferred that few if any of the leading newspapers took part in the demonstration. The meeting unanimously adopted a resolution declaring that the Address to the Throne voted by the House of Representatives truly expressed the sentiment of the nation, and that the Cabinet, by dissolving the Lower Chamber and withholding the Address from the Sovereign, has been guilty of a grossly unconstitutional act. The representative of a *Hanayama* journal delivered a vehement speech, in which he declared that no one knew what had become of the Address; that it seemed to be wandering somewhere in space, and that its presentation to the Throne should be imperatively demanded. Other gentlemen also made addresses, but nothing is reported as to their purport. Of course no one really doubts that the celebrated address reached His Majesty's hands without an hour's delay. It was not delivered in set form by the President of the House, but a copy of it was unquestionably in the Emperor's possession long before he pronounced the sentences of dissolution.

SHIPPING NOTES.

WEATHER OUTSIDE.

The N.E. monsoon continues; arrivals from the east report moderate weather, but vessels from the south are overdue.

"ELLEN RICKMERS" ASHORE.

It is reported that the s.s. *Ellen Rickmers* is ashore on the Paracels.

AMIGO ASHORE.

The German s.s. *Amigo* has been aground near Canton, and will return to Canton to dock. Messrs. Jebson have in the meantime taken up the Norwegian s.s. *Primid* to take her place on the Haiphong-Hongkong run.

SALE OF A STEAMER.

It is reported that Messrs. Meyer & Co. have sold one of their "Tai" steamers to the Japanese, the price paid being about £25,000 to £30,000.

WELSH COAL.

Further purchases of Welsh coal for the Far East were about a month ago reported on the Cardiff market, and it was computed that about half-a-hundred thousand tons had already been arranged for shipment over December and January. The Russians secured a large steamer for patent fuel from Cardiff to Port Arthur, as well as the *Fulton Hall*, to carry 6,500 tons of coal from Cardiff to Port Arthur, and also another steamer ready to load at the commencement of January. Rates not quite so good as of late, were recently believed to be about 18s. 6d.

TOLL OF THE SEA.

The number of vessels belonging to the United Kingdom totally lost last year—343, with a tonnage of 120,631—was with one exception the smallest in the past quarter of a century. Casualties, too, according to the annual report of the Board of Trade issued yesterday, show a gradual decrease. Last year these—including losses—numbered 5,318, which was 103 fewer than in 1901. There has not, however, been a corresponding diminution in the number of lives lost. The total for the year ending June 30, 1902, was 1,657 persons, and the average for a quarter of a century a total of 21,603 British vessels (including Colonial) were totally lost. These had a tonnage of £368,380; and the annual loss of life was between 2,000 and 3,000.

LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The T.K.K. steamer *Hongkong Maru*, with mails, &c., left Shanghai for this port on the 29th inst., at 5 p.m., and is due here on Friday morning, the 1st prox.
The O. & O. steamer *Doric*, with mails, &c., left San Francisco for this port via Honolulu, &c., on the 22nd inst.
The Imperial German mail steamer *Bayern*, which left here on the 28th inst., a.m., arrived at Shanghai yesterday, at 7 a.m.
The C.N. steamer *Taiyuan*, from Australian ports, left Manila on the 28th inst., and is expected here to-day at daylight.
The J.C.J. Line steamer *Typanos* left Messamer for this port on the 28th inst., and may be expected here on the 7th prox.
The A.L. steamer *Maria Valerie* left Singapore for this port yesterday, a.m.

INLAND WATERS NAVIGATION IN CHINA.

The Shanghai correspondent of the *Morning Post* writes as follows on the want of shallow-draught steamers for China:—Now that new regulations for internal navigation of the innumerable waterways that exist in China are to be promulgated I would like to draw the attention of our mercantile community to the great future that awaits the shallow-draught river steamer. I mean the stern-wheel boat of say, from 100 ft. by 20 ft., capable of carrying a fair cargo and passengers on a draught of about 2 ft. 6 in. to 3 ft. Having surveyed many of the little-known internal waterways in this Empire, and travelled throughout the various provinces, I may be permitted to say a few words on this subject which I consider to be an all-important one as regards the distribution of our goods in the interior of the Empire. We are well aware that the mandarins of China, as a whole, are opposed to the opening up of the country by means of the "iron road," and that even after concessions have been granted to construct certain railways great reluctance to further their development has been shown. But at the same time railways must not be considered as the sole means of revolutionising the present state of this Empire. Already an enormous junk traffic exists, so enormous indeed that such unacquainted with the riverine areas of China would scarcely credit its extent, especially in the central and southern provinces. It has been argued, with some degree of truth, that we foreigners have little or nothing to teach the Chinese in the way of handling cargo by native craft, and certainly the Celestial stands well to the fore in this respect. But it is absurd to say that the shallow-draught steamer, capable of towing lighters alongside, is not superior to the ordinary junk; and unquestionably it is true when the waterway on which she plies allows of traffic by steamers of 150 ft. to say, 200 ft. in length placed in charge of a foreigner. With the exception of gunboats of the *Sand-piper*, *Woodlark*, and *Moorken* class, I have never seen a true shallow-draught steamer on Chinese waters.

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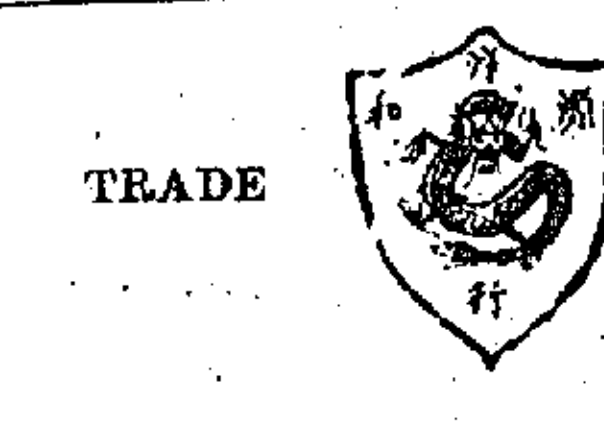
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EVENTS, 1903.

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1st—Taikoo Club Sports at Quarry Bay.—Inter-
national Time introduced at Shanghai.
2nd—Death of Mr. F. O. Edlin at Peak Hospital.
Hongkong.—Hongkong Church Missionary
Association's annual meeting.
3rd—Evacuation of Shanghai completed.
6th—S. George's Ball at City Hall, Hongkong.
7th—Amy Race Meeting concludes.
9th—British naval officers entertained at Hal-
phong.
12th—River steamer *Kinsan* launched at Kow-
loon Docks.—Nanking band collapse.
13th—Tung Lo Lane collapse enquiry, list of
series of enquiries completed at Hongkong.
15th—Navy League (Hongkong branch), annual
meeting.—Diocesan School prize-giving,
Hongkong.
19th—New German Club "at home," Hongkong.
20th—Hongkong Choral Festival.
21st—Samshui tide-waiter fired on and wounded
by pirates on sea. *On Fat*—Missionary boat
attacked at Mo Tse-chung, Saichuan.
22nd—Queen's College prize-giving.
23rd—S. John's Cathedral schoolholders' annual
meeting.—Hongkong Benevolent Society's
meeting.
26th—Scare at Canton on Chinese New Year's
Eve, followed by many arrests.
30th—Hongkong A.D.C. in His Excellency the
Governor.

FEBRUARY.

4th—Pollard's Lilliputians at Hongkong.
5th—Red Cross presentation at Government
House, Hongkong.
10th—Hongkong Jockey Club Race meeting,
first day.
14th—H. & S. Bank's half yearly meeting.
Hongkong.—Off-day, Hongkong Races.
17th—Brough Company's season opens in
Hongkong.
18th—Death of Prince Komatsu of Japan.
19th—Hongkong General Chamber of Com-
merce, discussion on the local currency ques-
tion.
20th—Hongkong Rifle Association's annual
meeting; amalgamation with Army Rifle
Association.
21st—Death of Dr. Canton at Naval Hospital,
Hongkong.
23rd—Hongkong & Whampoa Dock Co. debates
Provisional Fund scheme.
25th—Banquet to Chinese Minister to Wanchi-
ton at Hongkong.
26th—Annual meeting of City Hall, Hongkong.
28th—Hongkong Volunteer Corps, prize meet-
ing.—Hongkong A.D.C. performance at
Canton.

MARCH.

2nd—Capt. G. C. Anderson lectured on Imperial
Defence before Hongkong Old Volantes.
3rd—Ladies' Rifle Association meeting, Hong-
kong.
12th—Export of rice forbidden by Shanghai
authorities.—New Masonic Hall reading room
opened at Hongkong.—Mr. C. Clements's
lecture on Buddhism before Hongkong Old
Volantes.
17th—Also Memorial and Netherlands Hospitals,
annual meeting, Hongkong.
18th—Kirkcubrightshire case at Hongkong
Police Court.
20th—Shanghai declares Hongkong plague-
infected.—Rev. E. J. Hardy lectured on
Marriage before Hongkong Old Volantes.
24th—Meeting at Hongkong Club about the
Admiralty Dock question.
26th—Deputation to Sir Henry Blake re
Admiralty Dock.—New Tung Wa Hospital,
Hongkong, opened.—Triple murder on
fishing junk outside Hongkong.
27th—First meeting of newly constituted
Sanitary Board, Hongkong.—B.A. sports,
Hongkong.
28th—Hongkong Volunteer Corps, annual
inspection.—H.M.S. *Pique* left for home.
H.M.S. *Gloria* and H.M.S. *Argonaut* (2-1)
in Hongkong Football Shield final.
30th—Chinese petition for extension of Sir
Henry Blake's governorship forwarded to
Government House.
31st—Hongkong Colonial Church Council.

APRIL.

9th—Signature lists for petition against
Admiralty Dock in Hongkong closed.
10th—Great powder-magazine explosion at
V.C.C.
13th—Hongkong Rifle Association's prize
meeting.
17th—Important Charter party case decided at
Supreme Court, Hongkong.
18th—Polo Club gymkhana, Hongkong.
23rd—Kwongsi famine relief meeting called by
Governor in Hongkong.—S. George's day
celebrated in some parts in China.
29th—Execution of traitorous blue-button man-
darin at Pukhoi.

MAY.

6th—Close of the "Zagros mystery case" at
Hongkong.
7th—Annual meeting of the Union Church,
Hongkong.
9th—Fire near Kennedytown Hospital
does much damage.—O. C. dinner at Hong-
kong.
10th—Arson in Connaught Road, Hongkong,
causes a death.
15th—Yang Lu's funeral at Peking.
15th—Meeting of property-owners in Board
Room, Hongkong, to consider Public Health
Bill.
19th—Annual Meeting of Hongkong General
Chamber of Commerce.
20th—Mr. C. Clements addresses a meeting on
the Kwangsi famine.
21st—Gage Street murderer sentenced to death
at Hongkong.
25th—Empire Day observed as a holiday in
Hongkong.
28th—Death of H.E. Lo Feng-lu at Foo-
chow.—Polo Club Gymkhana, Hongkong.

JUNE.

2nd—Mr. H. F. Wyatt lectures before Hong-
kong Navy League.
4th—Over 1,000 plague cases to date in Hong-
kong.—Hongkong Sanitary Board discuss
"plague and dumping."
6th—New branch of Tung Wa Hospital opened
by Sir Henry Blake.
8th—Wedding of Capt. Arbuthnot and Miss
Blake at St. John's Cathedral, Hongkong.
9th—Board of Revenue at Peking burnt down.
12th—General Kuropatkin, Russian War
Minister, visits Tokyo.
14th—Arrival in Hongkong of H.E. Shum,
new Viceroy of the Two Kwang.

JULY.

1st—Raid of 200 bandits on Eho Park palace,
Peking.
2nd—Mr. Dering's award on the Tientsin
railway siding dispute published, upholding
the British claims.
4th—U.S. Pacific cable opened to Manila.
7th—Chinese newspaper *Sunpo* at Shanghai
suppressed.
8th—Second of two daring daylight robberies
from European ladies in Hongkong on two
successive days.
9th—Reply of Secretary of State for the
Colonies to Hongkong petition re Naval Yard
site published.—Confagration at Bangkok;
narrow escape of the "Emerald Buddha."
13th—Margarya Ito, appointed President of
Japanese Privy Council.—General Sumner,
U.S.A., Hongkong.
15th—Savage sedition case commenced at
Shanghai.
16th—Volunteer Promenade Concert at Hong-
kong.
18th—Two revolutionaries arrested in Peking.
21st—Suicide of Mr. Hector Sampson at
Shanghai.
22nd—Inspector McEwen acquitted of bribery
at Hongkong.
23rd—Foundation Stone of Alice Maternity
Hospital, Station of S. African war medals
to Sherwood Foresters at Hongkong.
24th—Arrival of H.M.S. *Vengeance* at Hong-
kong for 3 years' commission.—Great flood
at Chofoo, about 1,000 deaths.
28th—Anglo-Chinese Commercial Treaty
ratified at Peking.—Regium mass at St.
Joseph's Cathedral, Hongkong, for Pope
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CLEARANCES

At the H.M. Customs Office, 30th December.
 Glenloch, British str., for Shanghai.
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MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP	YANGTSE	Brit. str.		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	9th Jan.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	KIAUTSCHOU	Ger. str.	Behrens	MELCHERS & CO.	19th Jan.
HAVRE, BREMEN & HAMBURG	AMERICA	Ger. str.	Dachstein	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINE	6th Jan., at Noon.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	WURZBURG	Ger. str.	von Binsler	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINE	15th Jan.
GENOA, MARSEILLES & LIVERPOOL	ALBESIA	Ger. str.	Schoenfeldt	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINE	23rd Jan.
ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG	KEMUN	Brit. str.		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	6th Feb.
TRIESTE, &c. via SINGAPORE, &c.	SAVOIA	Ger. str.	Doinal	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINE	15th Feb.
NEW YORK, via SUEZ CANAL	VINDOBONA	Rus. str.	Cobol	SANDER WILBER & CO.	10th Jan.
NEW YORK, via SUEZ CANAL	HIMERA	Brit. str.	Lockhart	BRADLEY & CO.	About 15th Jan.
NEW YORK, via PORTS & SUEZ CANAL	NUBIA	Ger. str.	von Hoff	SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.	4th Jan.
VANCOUVER, via SHANGHAI, &c.	SUKH	Brit. str.		HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINE	About 12th Jan.
VICTORIA (B.C.) & SATTLE via N'SAKI, &c.	E. OF CHINA	Brit. str.		CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO.	13th Jan.
VICTORIA (B.C.) & TACOMA via JAPAN	ATHENIAN	Brit. str.		CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO.	27th Jan.
PORTLAND, OREGON	PINGOBY	Brit. str.	G. V. Williams	PORTLAND & ASIATIC CO., LIMITED	24th Jan.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS	INDRAVELLI	Brit. str.	McArthur	PORTLAND & ASIATIC CO.	25th Jan.
YOKOHAMA, via SHANGHAI, MOJI & KOBE	NIKKO MARU	Jap. str.	E. W. Haswell	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	15th Jan., at Noon.
YOKOHAMA, KOBE & TSINGTAU	PALENG	Jap. str.	E. G. Andrews	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	22nd Jan.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	BA DENIA	Ger. str.	Rorden	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINE	About 1st Jan.
KOBE	ALBESIA	Ger. str.	Schoenfeldt	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINE	2nd Jan., at Noon.
KOBE, NAGASAKI & VLADIVOSTOK	TAIYUAN	Brit. str.	Doinal	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	5th Jan., at Noon.
CHEMULPO, DALNY & PORT ARTHUR	SULBERG	Ger. str.	Meyer	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINE	To-morrow, Noon.
SHANGHAI	KANSU	Brit. str.	F. Schulz	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-morrow.
SHANGHAI	LONGMOON	Ger. str.	G. Phillips	SIEMSEN & CO.	2nd Jan., at 3 P.M.
SHANGHAI	BENGAL	Brit. str.	Berberovich	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About 2nd Jan.
SHANGHAI	M. VALERIE	Ans. str.	I. Goto	SANDER WILBER & CO.	8th Jan.
FOOCHOW, via SWATOW & AMOY	ANPING MARU	Jap. str.	T. Y. Groves	OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA	5th Jan.
AMOY	MAIZURU MARU	Jap. str.	T. Saito	OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA	3rd Jan.
AMOY	HUMAN	Brit. str.	Evans	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-day.
AMOY	HAU LOONG	Brit. str.	Gibson	DOUGLAS LAPAIRE & CO.	To-morrow, D'light.
AMOY	HAU LOONG	Brit. str.	Gibson	DOUGLAS LAPAIRE & CO.	2nd Jan., at Noon.
AMOY	KAIPOING	Brit. str.	R. Rodger	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-day.
AMOY	ZAFIRO	Brit. str.	Ernest Bent	SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.	2nd Jan., 10 A.M.
AMOY	ROHILLA MARU	Jap. str.	R. W. Almond	TOTO KISEN KAISHA	2nd Jan., 11 A.M.
AMOY	RUBI	Brit. str.	W. M. Smith	SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.	9th Jan., 11 A.M.
AMOY	SHAWMUT	Brit. str.	H. W. Kenrick	DOUGLAS LAPAIRE & CO.	About 23rd Jan.
AMOY	WUOHANG	Brit. str.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	2nd Jan.
AMOY	TIENTSIN	Brit. str.	F. L. Tyne	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	About 6th Jan.
AMOY	KINSHU MARU	Jap. str.	Magnanini	CARLOWITZ & CO.	12th Jan., at Noon.
AMOY	ISCHIA	Ital. str.			

FOR KOBE, NAGASAKI AND VLADIVOSTOK.

THE Steamship
 "STOLBERG."
 Captain Deinat, will be despatched for the above ports on TUESDAY, the 5th January, at Noon.
 This steamer has superior accommodation for First and Second Class Passengers and carries a Doctor and a Stewardess.
 For Freight or Passage, apply to HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINE, Hongkong Office.
 Hongkong, 28th December, 1903. [3557]

"GLEN" LINE OF STEAMSHIPS.
 FOR LONDON AND ANTWERP.
 THE Steamship
 "GLENFARG."
 Captain Holman, will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 9th January.
 For Freight or Passage, apply to MCGREGOR BROS. & GOW.
 Hongkong, 18th December, 1903. [348]

REGULAR STEAMSHIP SERVICE TO NEW YORK.
 VIA PORTS AND SUEZ CANAL
 (WITH LIBERTY TO CALL AT PHILIPPINE PORTS).
 Proposed sailings from Hongkong.
 1903.
 "SIKH" ... 12th Jan.
 "SAGAMI" ... 26th Jan.
 "AFRIDI" ... 9th Feb.
 For Freight and further information, apply to DODWELL & CO., LD., Agents.
 Hongkong, 22nd December, 1903. [1125]

NAVIGAZIONE GENERALE ITALIANA.
 (Florida and Rubattino United Companies.)
 STEAM FOR BOMBAY VIA SINGAPORE AND PENANG.
 Having connection with Company's Mail Steamers to ADEN, SUZ, PORT SAID, MESSINA, NAPLES, LIGORIA and GENOA, also VENICE and TRIESTE, all MEDITERRANEAN, ADRIATIC, LEVANTINE and SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS up to CALAIO.
 Taking Cargo at through rates to PERSIAN GULF and BAGDAD, also BARCELONA, VALENZA, ALICANTE, ALMERIA and MALAGA.)
 THE Steamship
 "ISCHIA."
 Captain Magnanini, will be despatched as above on TUESDAY, the 12th January, at Noon.
 At Bombay the steamer is discharging in Victoria Dock.
 For further particulars regarding Freight and Passage, apply to CARLOWITZ & CO., Agents.
 Hongkong, 30th December, 1903. [4]

FOR ODESSA VIA BOMBAY.
 THE Russian Steamer
 "HERMANN LERCHER."
 will be despatched as above on or about FRIDAY, the 15th January.
 For Freight, apply to BRADLEY & CO.
 Hongkong, 24th December, 1903. [3538]

HONGKONG-MACAO LINE.
 S.S. "WING CHAI."
 Captain Samuel Bell Smith.
 DEPARTURES from Hongkong, on week days, at 7.30 A.M., on Excursion Sundays at 8.30 A.M.; from Macao week days at about 2 P.M. and Sundays about 7.30 P.M.
 Fare—(week days) 1st Class including cabin and servant, \$3. Return Ticket \$5.
 2nd Class \$1. 3rd Class 50 cents.
 On Excursion Sundays 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Class Single Ticket \$2. Return Ticket \$3. Return Ticket including Dinner and Dinner either on board or at Macao Hotel \$5. On Sundays \$5 extra will be charged for each Cabin which has accommodation for two or more passengers.
 Wharf at the Western end of Wing Lok Street.
 The Steamer runs an Excursion Trip Every Sunday, and takes only 3 hours to reach Macao.
 MING ON & CO.,
 Hongkong 6th September, 1903. [121]

OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA

REGULAR STEAMSHIP SERVICES BETWEEN

HONGKONG, SOUTH CHINA COAST PORTS AND FORMOSA.
 PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

FOR	STEAMERS	LEAVING
TAMSAI, via SWATOW AND AMOY	"DAIGI MARU"	TUESDAY, 5th
TAMSAI, via SWATOW AND AMOY	"DAIGI MARU"	TUESDAY, 12th
ANPING, via SWATOW AND AMOY	T. Oga	January
FOOCHOW, via SWATOW AND AMOY	"MAIZURU MARU"	SUNDAY, 3rd
	T. Saito	January
	"ANPING MARU"	SUNDAY, 10th
	I. Goto	January

The Co.'s new Steamers are specially designed for the coast trade of South China and Formosa, and are fitted with all modern improvements. Excellent accommodation is provided for first class passengers, and a duly qualified doctor is carried.
 By the Co.'s steamers for Shanghai, through Bills of Lading are issued for Cargo to Yangtze River Ports, as well as for North China Ports, in connection with the Nippon Yusen Kaisha's steamers from Shanghai.
 For Freight, Passage, and further information, apply at the Company's local Branch Office at No. 8, Des Voeux Road Central.
 Hongkong, 30th December, 1903. T. ABIMA, Manager [15]

PORTLAND & ASIATIC STEAMSHIP CO.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG SHANGHAI INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, MOJI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA FOR
 OPERATING IN CONNECTION WITH THE
 "OREGON RAILROAD & NAVIGATION CO."

STEAMSHIP	Tons	CAPTAIN	TO SAIL ON
"INDRAVELLI"	4,899	R. P. Craven	January 25, 1904
"INDRAPURA"	4,899	A. E. Hollingsworth	February 13, 1904
"INDRASAMHA"	5,197	W. E. Craven	March 15, 1904

Through Bills of Lading issued to Pacific Coast Ports and all Eastern, Canadian and United States Ports. For through rates of Freight and further information, communicate with or apply to
 ALLAN CAMERON, GENERAL AGENT.
 Hongkong, 29th December, 1903. [114]

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINE.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

OSTASIATISCHER FRACHTDAMPFER DIENST.

Taking Cargo at through rates to ANTWERP, AMSTERDAM, ROTTERDAM, COPENHAGEN, LISBON, OPORTO, LONDON, LIVERPOOL, GLASGOW, TRIESTE, GENOA, PORTS in the LEVANT, BLACK SEA and BALTIC PORTS, NORTH and SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG, SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS	DESTINATIONS	SAILING DATES
NUBIA	NEW YORK, via SUEZ	On 5th Jan. Freight.
SAVOIA	ROTTERDAM and HAMBURG	On 10th Jan. Freight & Passengers
Capt. Deinat	(Calling at Singapore)	
AMERICA	HAVRE and HAMBURG	On 15th Jan. Freight.
Capt. Dackstein	(Calling at Singapore and Colombo)	
WURZBURG	HAVRE, BREMEN and HAMBURG	On 23rd Jan. Freight & Passengers
Capt. v. Binsler	(Calling at Singapore and Penang)	
ALBESIA	HAVRE and HAMBURG	On 6th Feb. Freight
Capt. Schoenfeldt	(Calling at Singapore and Colombo)	

For Further Particulars, apply to
 HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINE.
 HONGKONG OFFICE,
 QUEEN'S BUILDINGS, No. 1.

TOYO KISEN KAISHA

MANILA LINE.

Largest and Fastest Steamers on the route. Excellent Accommodation. Cuisine Unexcelled. Unrivalled Speed. Fitted throughout with Electric Light. Doctor and Stewardess carried.

Steamship	Captain	Tons	Sailing Date.
"ROHILLA MARU"	Ernest Bent	3889	Saturday, 2nd January, at 11 A.M.
"ROSETTA MARU"	H. S. Smith	3876	Saturday, 9th January, at 11 A.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply at the Company's Office, 3 Queen's Building, Lee House Street.
 Hongkong, 30th December, 1903. K. MATSUDA, Acting Manager. [478]

HONGKONG-MANILA.

Highest Class, newest, fastest and most luxurious Steamers between Hongkong and Manila. Saloon amidships. Electric Light. Perfect Cuisine. SURGEON and STEWARDESSES carried. All the most up-to-date arrangements for comfort of Passengers.
CHINA AND MANILA
 STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

STEAMSHIP	Tons	CAPTAIN	FOR	SAILING DATE.
ZAFIRO	2540	R. Rodger	Manila direct.	Sat., 2nd Jan., 10 A.M.
RUBI	2540	R. W. Almond	Manila direct.	Sat., 9th Jan., 10 A.M.
PERLA	1980	A. H. Nottley		

For Freight, or Passage apply to
 SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
 GENERAL MANAGERS.
 Hongkong, 21st December, 1903. [17]

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

(THE JAPAN MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY).
 PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS	DESTINATIONS	SAILING DATES
KINSHU MARU	BOMBAY, via SINGAPORE and COLOMBO	WEDNESDAY, 6th Jan., at Noon.
F. L. Tyne		
NIKKO MARU	SYDNEY and MELBOURNE, ADELAIDE, via MANILA, THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE and BRISBANE.	FRIDAY, 22nd Jan.
E. W. Haswell		

Through Passenger Tickets issued to the Principal Cities in the United States, Canada and Europe, in connection with the GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY and Atlantic Steamers, Round-the-World Tickets also issued. Between Moji and Kobe, 1st and 2nd Class through passengers have the option of travelling by the Sanyo Railway.
 For further information as to Freight, Passage, Sailings, &c., apply at the Company's Local Branch Office in Prince's Buildings First Floor, Chater Road.
 A. S. MIHARA, Manager. [9]

NORTHERN PACIFIC LINE.

NORTHERN PACIFIC S. CO. BOSTON & CO. BOSTON TOWBOAT CO.
 CONNECTING AT TACOMA WITH
 NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG FOR
 VICTORIA B.C. AND TACOMA
 VIA
 SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

Steamer	Tons	Captain	Sailing Date.
* LYRA	4,417	G. V. Williams	Wednesday, January 20th
* OLYMPIA	2,837	A. Dixon	Thursday, February 11th
* SHAWMUT	3,606	W. M. Smith	Friday, February 19th
* TACOMA	2,812	M. Midley	Friday, February 26th
* VICTORIA	3,502	J. Truebridge	Wednesday, March 16th

* Not carrying second class passengers. † Cargo only.

FOR MANILA.

The largest, steadiest, and most comfortable steamers for Manila.
 S.S. SHAWMUT 9,606 tons. W. M. Smith About 28th January.
 S.S. TREMONT 9,606 tons. T. W. Garlick About 1st March.

CHEAP FARES, EXCELLENT ACCOMMODATION, ATTENDANCE AND CUISINE. ELECTRIC LIGHT, DOCTOR AND STEWARDESSES.
 The twin-screw a.s. "SHAWMUT" and "TREMONT" have just been fitted with very Superior Accommodation for First and Second Class Passengers. The large size of these vessels ensures steadiness at sea. Electric fan in each room. Barber's shop and steam laundry. Cargo carried in cold storage.

PARCEL EXPRESS TO THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA.
 For further information apply to—
 DODWELL & CO., LIMITED,
 GENERAL AGENTS.
 QUEEN'S BUILDINGS,
 Hongkong, 25th December, 1903. [7]

IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINE.
 STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, NAPLES, GENOA, ANTWERP, BREMEN/HAMBURG, PORTS IN THE LEVANT, BLACK SEA and BALTIC PORTS; ALSO LONDON, NEW YORK, BOSTON, BALTIMORE, NEW ORLEANS, GALVESTON, AND SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS.

STEAMERS WILL CALL AT GIBRALTAR and SOUTHAMPTON TO LAND PASSENGERS AND LUGGAGE.
 N.B.—Cargo can be taken on THROUGH BILLS OF LADING FOR THE PRINCIPAL PLACES IN RUSSIA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.
 SAILING DATES.
 1904.
 * KIAUTSCHOU WEDNESDAY 6th January
 * BAYERN WEDNESDAY 20th January
 * SACHSEN WEDNESDAY 3rd February
 * GERA WEDNESDAY 17th February
 * SEYDLITZ WEDNESDAY 2nd March
 * PREUSSEN WEDNESDAY 16th March
 * ROON WEDNESDAY 30th March
 * LAMBURG WEDNESDAY 13th April
 * PRINZ HEINRICH WEDNESDAY 27th April
 * Steamers of the Hamburg-Amerika Line.

ON WEDNESDAY, the 6th day of JANUARY, 1904, at Noon, the Steamship "KIAUTSCHOU" of the HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINE, Captain Behrens, with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE and CARGO, will leave this Port as above, CALLING AT NAPLES and GENOA.

Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon on MONDAY, the 4th January, Cargo and Specie will be received on Board until 5 P.M. on TUESDAY, the 5th January, and Parcels will be received at the Agency's Office until Noon on TUESDAY, the 5th January.

Contents of Packages are required. No Parcel Receipts will be signed for less than \$2.50, and Parcels should not exceed 200 Pounds in Measurement.
 The Steamer has splendid accommodation, and carries a Doctor and Stewardess.
 Linen can be washed on board.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.
 For further Particulars, apply to
 MELCHERS & CO., AGENTS.
 Hongkong, 24th December, 1903. [15]

FOR YOKOHAMA, KOBE AND TSINGTAU.
 THE H.A.L. Steamship
 "BADENIA."
 Captain Rorden, will be despatched for the above ports on SATURDAY, the 2nd January, at Noon.
 For Freight, apply to HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINE, Hongkong Office.
 Hongkong, 25th December, 1903. [3551]

FOR CHEMULPO, DALNY AND PORT ARTHUR.
 (Calling at SHANGHAI.)
 THE Steamship
 "SULLBERG."
 Captain Meyer, will be despatched for the above ports on FRIDAY, the 1st January, at Noon.
 For Freight or Passage, apply to HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINE, Hongkong Office.
 Hongkong, 25th December, 1903. [3535]

OCEAN STEAM SHIP CO., LD. AND CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LD. JOINT SERVICES.

FORTNIGHTLY SAILINGS FOR LONDON AND CONTINENT.
MONTHLY SAILINGS FOR LIVERPOOL.

TAKING CARGO ON THROUGH BILLS OF LADING FOR ALL EUROPEAN,
NORTH AND SOUTH AMERICAN, WEST AUSTRALIAN, JAPAN,
AND HAWAIIAN PORTS.

FROM	STEAMERS	DATE
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"NESTOR"	On 1st January.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"KEEMUN"	On 8th January.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"KINTUCK"	On 14th January.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"PINGSUEY"	On 22nd January.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"MOYUNE"	On 28th January.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"GLAUCUS"	On 2nd February.

HOMEWARDS.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
MARSEILLES, LONDON and ANTWERP	"DARDANUS"	On 9th January.
MARSEILLES, LONDON and ANTWERP	"YANGTSE"	On 19th January.
LIVERPOOL, with TRANS-SHIPMENT AT SINGAPORE	"YANGTSE"	On 19th January.
LONDON and ANTWERP	"NESTOR"	On 2nd February.
GENOA, MARSEILLES and LIVERPOOL	"KEEMUN"	On 15th February.
LONDON and ANTWERP	"KINTUCK"	On 16th February.
LONDON and ANTWERP	"MOYUNE"	On 1st March.

TRANS-PACIFIC SERVICE.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA, and ALL PACIFIC COAST PORTS, via NAGASAKI, KOBE, and YOKOHAMA	"PINGSUEY"	On 24th January.

The "NESTOR" left Singapore on the 26th inst., and is due here on the 1st January.
For Freight, apply to—
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, AGENTS. [10-12]

Hongkong, 30th December, 1903.

CHINA NAVIGATION CO. LIMITED.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
MANILA, SWATOW and SHANGHAI	"KAIFONG"	On 31st December.
SHANGHAI	"HUNAN"	On 31st December.
SHANGHAI	"KANSU"	On 1st January.
SHANGHAI	"WUHUANG"	On 2nd January.
SHANGHAI	"TAIYUAN"	On 4th January.

Passengers, which are fitted throughout with Electric Light. Unrivalled Table. A daily qualified Surgeon is carried.
Taking Cargo on through bills of lading to all Yangtze and Northern China Ports and other Australian Ports.
Reduced Saloon Fares, SINGLE AND RETURN, TO MANILA AND AUSTRALIAN PORTS.
For Freight or Passage, apply to—
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, AGENTS. [11]

Hongkong, 30th December, 1903.

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL	REMARKS.
YOKOHAMA, via SHANGHAI, HAI, MOJI and KOBE (Passing through the Inland Sea)	"PALERMO"	About 1st January	Freight and Passage.
LONDON, &c.	"SIMLA"	2nd January	See Special Advertisement.
SHANGHAI	"BENGAL"	About 2nd January	Freight and Passage.
SINGAPORE, and BOMBAY	"TIENTSIN"	About 6th January	Freight only.
LONDON and ANTWERP, via SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, PORT SAID and MARSEILLES	"CEYLON"	About 7th January	Freight and Passage.

Calling at Penang if sufficient inducement offers.
For further Particulars, apply to
E. A. DEWITT, Superintendent. [1]

Hongkong, 30th December, 1903.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY CO.'S ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIP LINE.

THE FAST ROUTE BETWEEN CHINA, JAPAN, AND EUROPE, VIA CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES.
CALLING AT SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA AND VICTORIA, B.C.

SAFETY.	SPEED.	PUNCTUALITY.
"Empress" Twin Screw Steamships—6,000 Tons—10,000 Horse-Power—Speed 19 knots.		

SAVING THREE TO SEVEN DAYS ACROSS THE PACIFIC.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG (SUBJECT TO ALTERATION).	DATE
R.M.S. "EMPRESS OF CHINA"	WEDNESDAY, 13th Jan. 1904
R.M.S. "ATHENIAN"	WEDNESDAY, 27th Jan.
R.M.S. "EMPRESS OF INDIA"	WEDNESDAY, 10th Feb.
R.M.S. "TARTAR"	WEDNESDAY, 24th Feb.
R.M.S. "EMPRESS OF JAPAN"	WEDNESDAY, 9th Mar.
R.M.S. "EMPRESS OF CHINA"	WEDNESDAY, 30th Mar.
R.M.S. "EMPRESS OF INDIA"	WEDNESDAY, 27th April
R.M.S. "ATHENIAN"	WEDNESDAY, 27th April
R.M.S. "EMPRESS OF JAPAN"	WEDNESDAY, 11th May.

THE magnificent TWIN-SCREW "EMPRESS" STEAMSHIPS of this Line pass through the Isthmus of Isthmus of JAPAN, and usually make the voyage YOKOHAMA to VAN COUVER (B.C.) in 12 DAYS, "TARTAR" and "ATHENIAN" 14 DAYS, saving THREE DAYS to a WEEK in the Trans-Pacific journey and make connection at Vancouver with the PALATIAL OVERLAND TRAINS of the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY, which leave daily, and cross the Continent FROM THE PACIFIC TO THE ATLANTIC, WITHOUT CHANGE in 97 hours. Close connection is made at Montreal, Quebec, Halifax, New York and Boston with all Trans-Atlantic Lines, which passengers to Great Britain and the Continent are given choice of.

Passengers Booked through to all principal points and AROUND THE WORLD. Return tickets to various points at reduced rates, good for 4, 6, 9, and 12 months.
SPECIAL RATES (First class only) granted to Missionaries, Members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Services, and to European Officials in the Service of China and the Government.
The attractive features of this Company's route embrace its PALATIAL STEAMSHIPS, and to none in the World, the LUXURIANCE of ITS TRANS-CONTINENTAL TRAINS (the Company having received the highest award for same at Chicago World's Exhibition), and the diversity of MAGNIFICENT MOUNTAIN AND LAKE SCENERY, which the Railway passes.
THE DINING CARS and MOUNTAIN HOTELS of this route are owned and operated by the Company, and their appointments and Cuisine are unexcelled.
For further information, Maps, Guides, Books, Rates of Passage and Freight, apply to
D. E. BROWN, General Agent, Roder Street.

THE AMERICAN ASIATIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

STEAMSHIP SERVICE FOR NEW YORK VIA THE SUEZ CANAL.

"HIMERA," Captain Lockhart, will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the 4th JANUARY.
For Freight, A.C., apply to
BHEWAN, TOMES & CO., General Agents.
Hongkong, 29th December, 1903. [39-19]

EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE (Calling at Port Darwin and QUEENSLAND PORTS and taking through Cargo to ADELAIDE, NEW ZEALAND, TASMANIA, &c.)
The Steamship
"AUSTRALIAN,"
Captain McArthur, will be despatched for the above ports on WEDNESDAY, the 13th January, at NOON.
This well-known Steamer is specially fitted for Passengers, and has a Refrigerating Chamber, which ensures the supply of Fresh Provisions, Ice, &c., throughout the voyage.
This Steamer is installed throughout with the Electric Light.
A stewardess and a daily qualified surgeon are carried.
To assure the additional comfort of passengers the Steamer of the Company have electric fans fitted in staterooms.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., Agents.
Hongkong, 26th December, 1903. [35-14]

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR
TRIESTE (DIRECT),
CALLING AT SINGAPORE, PENANG, RAN, GOON, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ and PORT SAID.
(Taking Cargo at through rates to the BRAZILS, to SOUTH AFRICA, RED SEA, BLACK SEA, LEBANT, VENICE and ADRIATIC PORTS).
The Company's Steamship
"VINDOBONA,"
Captain Cohl, will be despatched as above on THURSDAY, the 14th January, P.M.
For information as to Passage and Freight, apply to
SANDER, WIELER & CO., Agents.
Hongkong, 22nd December, 1903. [5]

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods undelivered after the 1st January, will be subject to rent.

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All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 31st inst., at 11 A.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by **GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., Agents.**
Hongkong, 28th December, 1903. [3576]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

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CONSIGNEES per Company's Steamer

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All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined at 11 A.M. on the 5th prox.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 5th prox. will be subject to rent.

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Hongkong, 29th December, 1903. [10-12]

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Steamship

"BAYERN,"
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No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 31st December, will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on Thursday, the 31st December, at 9.30 A.M.

All Claims for damage must be sent in before the 5th January, or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be countersigned by the Undersigned.
NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, MELCHERS & CO., Agents.
Hongkong, 25th December, 1903. [5]

"BARBER" LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S.S. "CHARLES TIBBERGHIE," FROM NEW YORK.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, at Kowloon, whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 1st January will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 5th January, or they will not be recognised.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by **DODWELL & CO., LIMITED, Agents.**
Hongkong, 25th December, 1903. [3564]

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CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

CONSIGNEES per Company's Steamer

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Optional Cargo will be landed, unless notice has been given prior to steamer's arrival.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined at 11 A.M. on the 4th prox.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 4th prox. will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 11th prox., or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. **BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.**
Hongkong, 28th December, 1903. [10-12]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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Goods not cleared by the 2nd prox. will be subject to rent.

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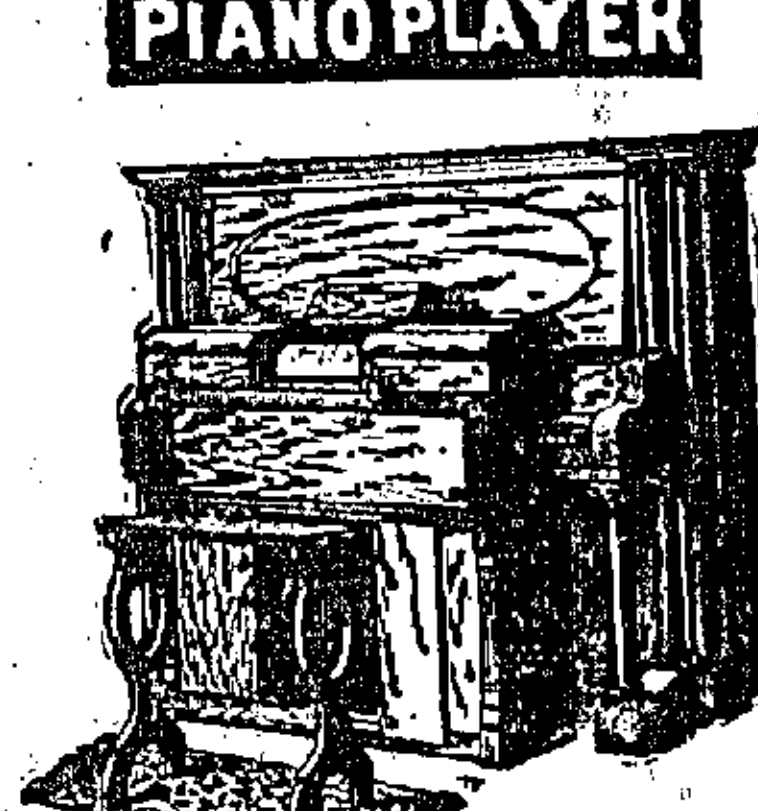
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